

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Department – Allegation of not generating and uploading of FTOs for (18) works and delaying the payment for the said works - Embarrassment situation in CC No. 1743/2022 in WP No. 25737/2021 – Disciplinary proceedings and charge framed against Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (now Retired) - Written statements of Defence submitted – Considered - Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 585

Dated: 28-10-2024

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.100, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, dt: 21.11.2022.
2. G.O.Rt.No.920, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, dt: 21.11.2022.
3. Govt. Memo No. 1906186/Vig. II/2022, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dt: 04.03.2024.
4. From Sri L. Ravi Kumar, EE, PRI Division, Guntur (Retired), written statement of defence, dt:20.05.2024.

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ORDER:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that, Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur (now retired) had failed to generate and upload FTOs for (18) works "Construction of CC road and Drains from internal CC roads in Vargani (V) & Pedanandipadu (V & M), Guntur District" and delayed the payment of said works and causing embarrassment situation before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. in CC No. 1743/2022 in WP No. 25737/2021".

2. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, the Government have accorded sanction under Rule 9 (2)(b)(i) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 to initiate departmental proceedings against Sri L. Ravi Kumar, Executive Engineer (Retired). Simultaneously, vide reference 3rd read above, the following article of charge under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 have been framed against him with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge :

That, Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI, Guntur (now retired from service) has not generated and uploaded FTOs for (18) works "Construction of CC road and Drains from Internal CC roads in the Vargani (V) & Pedanandipadu (V) of Pedanandipadu (M), Guntur" even though the said works were completed in March, 2019. The High Court of AP ordered in W.P.No.25737/2021 of payment of above works on 05.11.2021, thereby delay between High Court orders and final bill payment was done on 08.11.2022, causing embarrassment situation to the Government before the Hon'ble High Court of AP in C.C.No.1743/2022. Hence, the charge.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer Sri L. Ravi Kumar, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Guntur (now Retired) has submitted his written statement of defence and stated that, he worked as an Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Guntur from 10.03.2019 onwards. The NREGS portal in DCC has not accepted to generate and upload the works executed prior to 31-03-2019 and after General Elections, the Government changed the NREGS portal in DCC. Later, he was retired from service as on 30-06-2020 AN and the Executive Agency approached the Hon'ble A.P. High Court for want of payment of pending bills by filing W.P.No.25737/2021 after his retirement only. Subsequently, the FTOs for the 18 works were generated and uploaded in DCC when the NREGS portal was active and final Bills were paid for Rs.47,30,804/- on 08-11-2022. Later, the contempt case was closed in the Hon'ble High Court on 12-12-2022 with no costs. The Charged Officer has requested to consider his written statement of defence and to exonerate him from the charges framed against him.

4. After careful examination of the matter and duly keeping in view the closure of CC No. 1743/2022 by the Hon'ble High Court, the Government considered the written statement of defence of the charged officer Sri L. Ravi Kumar, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Guntur (now Retired), and found satisfactory.

5. Accordingly, the Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby drop further action against Sri L. Ravi Kumar, Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Guntur (now Retired), in the matter.

6. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.

Sri L. Ravi Kumar, Executive Engineer, PR, Guntur (now Retired)

(through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada)

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OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD Department.

PS to Principal Secretary to Govt, PR&RD. Department.

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SECTION OFFICER